

STORYTELLING JOURNAL

This activity is provided by Calgary Public Library to help you and your family have a fun and engaging winter together, both at home and out in the community.

Enjoy this simple, hands-on activity to doodle, draw, and write your thoughts.

MATERIALS TO FIND AT HOME:

- Notebook
- Crayons
- Stickers
- Pencil

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

Carry this journal with you as you go about your day. When the creative spark strikes, get it down on paper. Use the stickers as the start of a drawing, as inspiration for a snow-themed story, or to reward yourself for a great job!

Check out these websites for journaling inspiration or use the prompts below to help start a story.

- Journal Buddies: journalbuddies.com
- Thinkwritten: thinkwritten.com
- PrepScholar: blog.prepscholar.com/writing-prompts-for-kids

Kids ages 8 – 14 can also register for the Library's Creative Writing Club program at calgarylibrary.ca/programs, offered in partnership with the University of Calgary.

STORY PROMPTS

Adapted from thinkwritten.com

- Imagine a giant box is delivered to your front doorstep with your name on it. What's inside and what happens when you open it?
 - Write a short story about what it might be like if you woke up one morning with a mermaid tail.
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- Which is better, winter or summer? Write about the reasons why you think winter or summer is better.
- Write about what would it be like if you had an alligator as a pet.
- If you had \$1,000, what would you buy, and why?
- Write a story using these five words: apple, train, elephant, paper, banjo.
- What do you want to be when you grow up and why?
- Who is your favorite person on the planet? What do you like most about that person?
- If you could have any secret superpower, what would you want it to be and why?
- Write about three places you would like to travel someday. What do these three places have in common?
- Write about a time you felt really happy. What happened? What made you feel happy?
- Imagine what would happen if someone shrunk you down to be only one foot tall. How would your life change?
- If you were in charge of the whole world, what would you do to make the world a happier place?
- Write a story about what it would be like to climb to the very top of the highest mountain in the world.
- If you were in charge of planning the school lunch menu, what foods would you serve each day?
- Imagine that dogs take over the world. What do they make the humans do?
- Write a story about flying to outer space and discovering a new planet.
- You are a mad scientist and have invented a new vegetable. What is it called? What does it look like? What does it taste like? Most importantly: is it safe to eat?